CHAPTER NO. 207

HOUSE BILL NO. 1635

By Representative West

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 728

By Senator Burchett

AN ACT to name the Codes Prop House at the new Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bedford County in the memory of the late William J. Tangye.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those who have served with the greatest acumen, integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of special recognition than the late William J. Tangye, who served as the first Chief Executive Officer of the International Code Congress (ICC) and as the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Building Code Congress, International (SBCCI); and

WHEREAS, William J. Tangye was committed to providing educational training and technical assistance to all Code Enforcement Officials and served the members of the Tennessee Building Officials Association (TBOA) diligently for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Academy offers the latest in training technology, state-of-the-art equipment and a full spectrum of educational courses for fire service and codes enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, the Academy's full service campus features dedicated structures for realistic fire and codes scenarios, a hands-on training center with specialized laboratories and modern classrooms with a supporting research library; and

WHEREAS, the Academy's unique dual curriculum of fire and codes subject matter is comprehensive and challenging and produces certified professionals well trained in applicable state and national codes and standards; and

WHEREAS, William J. Tangye believed that there was no higher call to service than to protect the public's safety in the built environment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should not let this remarkable person go unheralded; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Codes Prop House at the new Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bedford County is hereby designated as the "William J. Tangye Codes Prop House" and is dedicated to his memory, as a lasting tribute to one of our most outstanding leaders.

SECTION 2. The state fire marshal is directed to erect a suitable exterior sign designating such edifice as the "William J. Tangye Codes Prop House". The dimensions of such sign shall be at least four feet wide by six feet long (4'x6') with letters of proportional size.

SECTION 3. The state fire marshal is directed to erect a plaque on the interior of the William J. Tangye Codes Prop House, which dedicates the building to the memory of William J. Tangye, 1945-2002.

SECTION 4.

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- (1) This act shall become operative only if the cost of the erection of such signs is paid to the state of Tennessee from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or if such signs are manufactured in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The state shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the persons or entity paying for such sign within thirty (30) days of the erection of such sign. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the state in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the state.
- (2) A person or entity other than the state of Tennessee may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2003

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29th day of May 2003

PHIL BREDESEN GOVERNOR